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### (U) San Francisco – Cloudflare Says it Stopped Largest DDoS Attack Ever Reported

(U) Cloudflare said its system managed to stop the largest reported DDoS attack in July, explaining in a blog post that the attack was 17.2 million requests-per-second, three times larger than any previous one they recorded. Cloudflare's Omer Yoachimik explained in a blog post that the company serves over 25 million HTTP requests per second on average in 2021 Q2, illustrating the enormity of the attack. He added that the attack was launched by a botnet that was targeting a financial industry customer of Cloudflare. It managed to hit the Cloudflare edge with over 330 million attack requests within seconds, he said. "The attack traffic originated from more than 20,000 bots in 125 countries around the world. Based on the bots' source IP addresses, almost 15% of the attack originated from Indonesia and another 17% from India and Brazil combined. Indicating that there may be many malware infected devices in those countries," Yoachimik said.

SOURCE: 27 August 2021, [ZDNet](#)

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### (U) Florida – 14 Cubans Land in Upper Florida Keys

(U) Miami – Fourteen people migrating from Cuba landed in the Upper Florida Keys Friday morning, according to the US Border Patrol. They made landfall in a rustic wooden sailboat, Border Patrol agents said. The people will likely be sent back to Cuba aboard a Coast Guard cutter. In all of last fiscal year — which runs from October to September — the Coast Guard stopped fewer than 50 people at sea trying to reach the states. Already this fiscal year, that number is just under 700.

SOURCE: 27 August 2021, [Miami Herald](#)

### (U) Missouri – More Than 100 Arrested, 47 Rescued, During Multi-State Human Trafficking Operation

(U) Kansas City – More than 100 arrests were made and nearly 50 victims were saved in an inter-state human trafficking operation based out of Missouri. 102 arrests were made, and 47 victims were rescued after a 12-state human trafficking operation. The Missouri Attorney General's Office and the Missouri State Highway Patrol were the main communications coordinating the operations in "Operation United Front." The multi-state human trafficking operations used sting operations through buyers and victims.

SOURCE: 27 August 2021, [WIBW](#)

### (U) New York – Brooklyn Woman Convicted of Terror Support Arrested After Skipping Hearing

(U) Brooklyn – A Brooklyn woman who faces a resentencing for supporting the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) but skipped a court hearing because she feared being sent back to prison has been arrested in New Mexico, US prosecutors said. Sinmyah Amera Caesar, 26, who prosecutors said used the name "Umm Nutella" in her role as a "committed recruiter" for ISIS, was arrested Friday by FBI agents following a nationwide search, prosecutors said in a letter on Sunday. Caesar, had missed a scheduled appearance in Brooklyn federal court on 25 August, one week after the 2nd US Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan threw out what it called her "shockingly low" four-year prison term and ordered her resentenced. In their letter to US District Judge Kiyo Matsumoto, prosecutors said Caesar did not have the required GPS ankle bracelet that she was supposed to wear when she was arrested, and before

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fleeing had told others she "expected to be sent to prison" at the 25 August conference.

SOURCE: 30 August 2021, [Reuters](#)

### **(U) South Dakota – Man Charged with 11 Bomb Related Charges After Explosion**

(U) Tabor – A Tabor man was charged with 11 counts of bomb-related crimes after neighbors called 911 to report injuries after one bomb went off. Joseph Hansen, 29, of Tabor, was charged with nine counts of unauthorized possession of substances with intent to make a destructive device and two counts of sale, transportation or possession of a destructive device. On 20 August, police in Bon Homme County were called when a resident reported seeing a male lying on the ground after an explosion. Upon arrival, authorities found Hansen unresponsive with apparent thermal burns on his body and transported him to a nearby hospital. Court documents say one witness had seen Hansen earlier in possession of a pipe bomb, while another saw him boiling gasoline. When asked, Hansen allegedly told one of the witnesses he was making napalm — a highly flammable sticky jelly used in bombs and flamethrowers.

SOURCE: 28 August 2021, [The Daily Republic](#)

## **(U) INTERNATIONAL**

### **(U) Afghanistan – US Drone Strike Kills ISIS-K Bombers Targeting Kabul Airport**

(U) Kabul – A US drone strike blew up a vehicle carrying “multiple suicide bombers” from Afghanistan's ISIS affiliate yesterday before they could attack the ongoing military evacuation at Kabul's international airport, American officials said. The strike came just two days before the US is set to conclude a massive two-week-long airlift of more than 114,000 Afghans and foreigners and withdraw the last of its troops, ending America's longest war. According to a senior US official, the US military drone fired a Hellfire missile at a vehicle in a compound between two buildings after individuals were seen loading explosives into the trunk.

SOURCE: 29 August 2021, [Associated Press](#)

### **(U) South Korea – North Korea Appears to Have Restarted Nuclear Reactor**

(U) Seoul – North Korea appears to have restarted the operation of its main nuclear reactor used to produce weapons-grade fuel, the UN atomic agency said, as the North openly threatens to enlarge its nuclear arsenal amid long-dormant nuclear diplomacy with the US. The annual report by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) refers to a 5-megawatt reactor at the North's main nuclear complex in Yongbyon, north of Pyongyang. The reactor produces plutonium, one of the two key ingredients used to build nuclear weapons along with highly enriched uranium. “Since early July 2021, there have been indications, including the discharge of cooling water, consistent with the operation of the reactor,” according to an IAEA report dated Friday.

SOURCE: 29 August 2021, [Associated Press](#)

### **(U) Yemen – At Least 30 Killed in Houthi Strikes on Military Base**

(U) Aden – At least 30 soldiers were killed and 60 wounded yesterday in Houthi strikes on a military base belonging to forces of the Saudi-led coalition in southwest Yemen, a spokesman for the southern forces and medical sources said. The Houthis have carried out several attacks using armed drones and ballistic missiles on the al-Anad military base, Yemeni southern forces spokesman Mohamed al-Naqeeb said. Naqeeb said that between 30 to 40 soldiers were killed and at least 60 wounded, adding the death toll may still rise as rescuers were still clearing the scene.

SOURCE: 29 August 2021, [Reuters](#)

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